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1. EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION PER REFTTEL TO IRISH MFA COUNSELOR PADDY MACKERNAN, IN CHARGE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE THANKED US FOR CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS, AND ASSURED EMBOFF THAT THE GOI MAINTAINS A HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN CSCE IMPLEMENTATION.

2. MACKERNAN SAID THAT THE EC "WORKING GROUP" ON CSCE HAS COMPLETED ITS DETAILED, AND LENGTHY, ANALYSIS OF THE FINAL ACT AND IS NOW TURNING ITS ATTENTION TO IMPLEMENTATION AND SPECIFICALLY BELGRADE 77. BOTH THE DUTCH AND THE FRENCH HAVE PRESENTED "WORKING THINK PAPERS" ON BELGRADE 77 TO THE WORKING GROUP. THE DUTCH PAPER, WHICH FOCUSSES ON A RATHER THEORETICAL PROJECT TO DEFINE DETENTE AND ITS RELATION TO CSCE WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED BY MOST OF THE OTHER EIGHT, PARTICULARLY THE UK, WHICH FOUND IT TOO DEFENSIVE OF WESTERN VALUES. THE FRENCH PAPER, FOCUSSED ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF BELGRADE 77, WAS MUCH BETTER RECEIVED, HE SAID, AND WILL PROBABLY BE THE BASIS FOR THE WORKING GROUP'S FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF BELGRADE 77. MACKERNAN DID NOT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF THE FRENCH PAPER BEYOND SAYING THAT IT CONSIDERS SUCH THINGS AS SIZE OF DELEGATIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC., AND A VERY GENERAL DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE EC APPROACH TO THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT NATO HAS COPIES OF BOTH PAPERS. THE EC EXPERTS ARE NOT INCLINED TO ACCEDE TO THE SOVIETS' PROPOSALS OF A S"SHORT, NON-CONTENTIOUS" REVIEW SESSION. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY ACrimonious CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES, MACKERNAN SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THE WORKING GROUP CONSENSUS IS TO HAVE A CONFERENCE WHICH THOROUGHLY AIRS ALL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND THERE IS NO DISPOSITION TO SPARE THE TENDER FEELINGS OF THE SOVIETS AND EE'S.

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EM MACKERNAN DESCRIBED THE RECENT IRISH PROPOSAL AT STRASBOURG (REPAIR, NOTAL) AS A SLIGHT ABBERATION IN IRISH DIPLOMACY. THE PROPOSAL FOR A RATHER FORMAL STRUCTURE WITHIN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO MONITOR CSCE IMPLEMENTATION WAS DREAMED UP SPONTANEOUSLY BY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY, TEMPORARILY REPRESENTING IRELAND AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE IRISH MFA. THE IRISH PERMREP, SEAN O HEILEAIN, WAS ENTHUSED WITH THE IDEA UNTIL HE WAS CALLED OFF BY DUBLIN, AND THE IRISH WILL NOT BE

PUSHING THE PROPOSAL AGAIN.

4. THE IRISH HAVE HAD NO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF CSCE WITH THE SOVIETS OR EE'S EXCEPT FOR A PASSING AND GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE SUBJECT DURING THE RECENT "POLITICAL TALKS" WITH SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL SUSLOV (DUBLIN 1107). MACKERNAN SAID THAT THE GOI, THOUGH HAVING LITTLE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE, AGREES WITH THE USG ASSESSMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION. CURLEY

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